Washington Alive With Convention Boomers.

SAN FRANCISCO CLAIMS THE PRIZE

Delogations From Omaha, Cincinnati and Detroit Insist That the Convention Shall So Held in the Great West-Detroit Hopeful,

WASHINGTON, Nov. 22 .- Very few, if any, of "convention boomers" at the Arlington hotel attended church today. In fact they were just as busy today and tonight as they were yesterday, us-ing persuasion and all appliances at band in an endeavor to convince the national committee men of the advanteges and facilities of their respective erties as a place to hold the next republican convention. All the claims that the compating cities are urging about facilities and their generous offers of transportation to delegates will undoubtedly be secondary considerations with the national committee and weigh little or nothing alongside of the one important fact that the political exegencies of republican party demands, the selection of a city that will be to the greatest interest of the party. Earnest, energetic men from the west, frem San Francisco, Omaha, Minneapolis and Detroit are very emphatic in insisting that the holding of the national convention in the west is almost essential to the success of the party next year. The Minneapolis people are hard at work in the interest of their city and from the work accomplished so far they are confident that Minneapolis will be at the top when the interesting time appears. They feel certain of re-ceiving not less than fourteen votes on the first ballot and have no fear of falling below that number at any time. What the Delegates Say,

Ex-Governor Foraker arrived in Washington tonight and is quartered at the Arlington and his apartments have had a continuous overflow of callers. The Governor has not had time to look over the field but says he feels confident that Cincinnati will win the prize. He naturally thinks his city should be the one selected and has a dozen or more treasons why it should be. He will make an address for Cincinnati. The Cincinnati delegation though few in number are putting forth the strongest efforts in behalf of their city.

The Omaha delegation, while spend-ing rather a quiet day, have neverthe-less been working earnestly among the

everal delegations.

San Francisco's headquarters has a quiet, peaceful look tonight. Most of the delegation are in and about the hotel, mingling with the delegates from other sections of the country. They say California makes no marvel-ous claims, but what assertions do make are strictly the truth. Claims made by some of the workers for other cities appear amusing to them, and they say that if ot what they cialmed the nationa committee must necessarily be com posed of about 500 members. What they do claim is that they have secured pledges and will go into the committee ell prepared, and will take the lead at the beginning and keep it inroughout the contest, and as a natural consequence they will have the next national epublican convention at San Fran-

Detroit is in It.

The Detroit committee held a meet ng tonight and report a very encouraging outlook. They have assurances of second choice and they think there is no first choice and that New York, San Frpp.isco and Cincinnati are out of the race, and in the event of New York dropping out, they hope to gain strength from that quarter. San strength from that quarter. San Francisco, they say, will on account of trans-Mississippi deal, favor Omaha if they see they cannot wn. New York which has been considered by the other delegations as not making any great effort for the convention, held a meeting tonight, Senators Hiscock and Hawley and the Hon. J. F. Passett will make speeches for New York.

The general impression prevails that ew York is discouraged over the out-The convention will be called to order at 11 o'clock tomorrow morning Chairman Clarkson, and one hour libe allowed each oity for speeches in all behalf, but it is quite likely the bour allowed will not be consumed by some of the delegates.

Covered With Red-Hot Coals.

LIMA, Nev. 22.—The scaffolding around a large iron tank at the Solar Refinery, on which a number of men were standing, gave way, throwing them to the ground. Several of them to the ground. Several of them were severely injured. George Councilman was struck in the back with an iron furnace with which they were working. Red not coals were thrown all over his body, burning him terribly. His recovery is impossible.

NOT IN HIS LOCALITY. As Ohio Judge Unable to Soud a Prisoner

HAMILTON, O., Nov. 22 .- J. H. Wilfiams, a blacksmith, is a basely deceived husband. Six months ago he married a black-eyed charmer in Columbus, who said her name was Plossie Williams. Subsequently he moved to

Connersville, Ind. Here he struck hard luck, and to as sist in keeping the wolf from the door she offered to come to this city. From here she wrote to her husband, saying she had a position in a type-writing bouse, at the corner of Front and Lud-

Shortly afterward her husband moved to Cincinnati and secured a position at his trade. His wife would frequently write to him, saving she was earning a nice little sum of money. Whenever in his letters he expressed a desire to visit here, she would go to Cin-

cinnati and meet him there.

He wanted to know the number of house, and she wrote, saying, that the house she lived in was a new one not yet numbered. One day he took a tumble," and came here, interviewed be police and found there was no eriting institution here.

The police located his sponse in Jessie Bernard's low dive on Market street, one and was first refused admittance, it afterwards was admitted. She

bumbly apologized, but it wouldn't with him. In the police court he

bener replied that his court couldn't help bin then, as the locality mentioned was not in his jurisdiction. Williams left for Cincinnati at 11:40, leaving his wife at Bernard's. Bernard woman is an ex-Cincinnati courtesan, and very notorious. Wil-liams is all broken up, and says marriage is a failure.

NORVELL ESCAPED SENTENCE The Prisoner Not Yet Sentenced-Pocul-

Washington, Nov. 32 .- It was generally expected that Willard Norvell, the Detroit Treasury clerk who appropriated \$500 of government money to his own use, would be brought up before the criminal court yesterday morning for sentence, and consequently a large crowd assembled in the court room, but the prisoner was not brought up from the jail. When Norvell pleaded guilty to the charge of larceny and embezzlement from the United States Thursday afternoon it was suggested by Assistant District Attorney Clagett that he be brought up today for sentence, and Judge Bradley acquiesced. No or-der was issued by the court and, accordingly, the marshal was given no instructions to produce the prisoner at the city hall.

A good many surmises were made as the reasons for this change, but it is understood that it is not the intention of the district attorney, Captain Cole, to hurry the case in the least. He has become interested in it because of its rather mysterious phases—the appa-rent lack of motive for the theft, the attitude of Norvell subsequent to his arrest, and the position of the mother and sister. Inasmuch as Norvell has acknowledged the crime and pleaded guilty, there remains but his sentence by the court, and the only question pending is as to its severity. Norvell's pending is as to its severity. Norvell's crime is contrasted as to his previous good record, his excellent ways, his reasonably good habits, and his simple tastes puzzles the officials of this court. The district is said to be anxious to avoid doing anything that might ruin Norvell's future in case there is any-thing in him worth saving. If this crime is the one bad thing about his life that will never be repeated a long term in prison might cause him to abandon all hope and lead a wretched existence afterward.

It is not certain whether the prisoner will be brought up for sentence next Saturday. He will probably stay in jail in the meantime, as he does not desire to obtain bail.

FATE FOLLOWS A FAMILY. Two Children Burned Up before the

Parents' Eyes. CATLETTSBURG, Kv., Nov 22 .- David Bartram, a farmer living three miles from Louisa, Ky., on Mill Creek, Wayne county, W. Va., witnessed the death of his two infant children last Friday night. The family had gone to church, about two miles distant, leaving three of the smallest children at home to keep house. The little ones retired very early and were soon sound asleep. Near 8 o'clock the largest of yesterday to answer at the court of the three was awakened by a rattling noise which caused it to get up. On examination it was found that the house had caught fire in the kitchen and the flames were rapidly eating up the building.
The first thing the eldest child

thought of doing was to warn paps and mamma of what had happened, little thinking of the danger which its little brothers were in. The child at once set out for the church in its nightclothes. On arriving at the church the child ran breathlessly into the crowd and soon told its pitiful story to the parents, who at once set out for their once beautiful home, which by this time wrapped in fiames.

On arriving at the home it was too late. The cries that went up when the family stood by and saw their darling ones burn to death were heartrending. All that could be done was to rake from the burning ruins the charged bodies of the children. So excited were the attendants at the church that

all left at once for the place.

This is the second accident that has happened in the family the last few years. The first was the killing of their youngest son, William, while coming from his work in the field. He was riding home on a mule which had just been turned out of the plow, when the animal became frightened and ran away. The boy was soon thrown from the animal, and away went the mule at full speed, with the boy bouncing from one side to the fother, with his feet fastened in the chains. The boy's head was so badly mashed that he

could hardly be r-cognized.

The remains of the children were gathered up as well as could be done and will be interred in the family burying ground tomorrow. Mr. Bartram had a beautiful country home. The loss will prohably reach \$10,000. Nothing was saved from the house.

DROWNED IN THE OCEAN. The Quartermaster of the Steamship

Britannia Swept Overboard. New York, Nov. 22 .- The White Star Line steamer Britannie arrived at her dock here Saturday morning after one of the roughest voyages the vessel has experienced in her seventeen years' buffeting the waves of the Atlantic. She left Liverpool on the 11th instant when a terrific gale was sweeping around the British coast and playing havoe with shipping. She immediately ran into a boiling sea that sent mighty volumes of water over the vessel. The crew were compelled to ding to ropes to keep from being swept overboard. One tremendous sea boarded the vessel, swept over the deck and carried with it in going over the rail, gave a piercing shrick of despair. He disappeared in the angry waters and was seen no more. In such a sea nothing could be done for aim. The Britannic continued to meet very rough weather during the greater part of the voyage, and for the most part the passengers were unable to go upon deck. The time of the voyage was eight days, eight hours and five minutes, covering 2,791 miles.

Recovered Another Body. New Your, Nov. 22 .- At 3 o'clock this morning the body of Paul O. Gus. ding one of the men drowned in the diseaster of yesterday, caused by the caving in of Ridgewood conduit, was recovered. The remaining three bodies have not yet been found.

Ignorant Blacks Deluded and Shamefully Treated.

IN A PENNSYLVANIA COAL MINE

are Handcuffed in the Mine-A Story of Vamerciful Bratatity.

PITISBURGH, PA., Nov. 22 .- One hundred and four negroes were recently brought from Roanoke, Va., to take the place of white men in the mine of the Pittsburgh & Chicago Gas Coal Co. at Snowden Station, on the Baltimore and Ohio. They were brought by a negro employment agent named Perigrine, of Pittsburgh, under the impression that there were nice places for them as coachmen and wasters. They know nothing of mine work.

The ignorance of one, Johnson Crawford, cost him his life and his terrified companions were driven back to work with pick handles. They are going around half naked and many without shoes in bitter cold weather. They are not making over fifty cents a day, and this goes toward defraying the cost of their transportation here. Detectives from the Gilkerson agency, of Directives from the Gilkerson agency, of Pittsburgh, keep them from running away and not to protect them from the white strikers. They are housed in miserable quarters, are handcuffed and revolvers are fired over their heads to ntimidate them.

White Miners Sympathize, The reporter who furnished this in-formation represents the Pittsburgh Times. He spent two days and one night in the mining settlement, which is no more than a dozen miles from Pittsburgh. The negroes were brought from Roanoke in a special train, which was only run at night, lying on a side track during the day. The white miners sympathize with the poor deluded fellows, and say they would not think of attacking them. Crawford was killed white blasting in the mine. He lighted a squib and did not know enough to get out of the road. The negroes are threatened with imprisonment in the county work house if they do not go into the mine. One barefooted fellow pleaded for a pair of shoes,
but they were refused him. Their
principal food is cheese and bologna of
poor quality. Gabriel Johnson, the
negro cook of a camp of B. & O. track
workers, has gone to Washington, Pa.,
to complain to the Humane society
about the outrage. about the outrage.

JUSTICE A LAGGARD. A Murder Committed a Quarter of a

Century Ago in the Courts, KITTANNING, Nov. 22 .- John B. Ruffner, of West Franklin township, this county, who was arrested on the 5th inst, to anzwer a charge of the murder of Shields A. Rosenberger in Septem-

ber, 1856, was bound over at the preliminary hearing before Justice Donaldson Over and Terminer at the Decei An altercation that took place on the

premises of the defendant at that time suddenly ended in the throwing of a stone at young Rosenberger, who was taking cherries without permission from his trees, and from the effects of which he fell to the ground and died in a few minutes. No actual eyewitnesses of the occurrence were called today, but from admissions subsequently proven to have been made by Ruffner sufficient evidence seems to have been gleaned to warrant an investigation in

the criminal court. The long time intervening between the occurrence and the action now -hoftly thereafter of the father of Rosenberger from the county and his ins-bility through lack of means to urge the prosecution. Another theory is that ill-will toward the defendant held by outside parties had prompted them to urge this prosecution as a means of revenge.

The respectability of the parties and the investigation that will ensue has already elicited much interest in the outcome of this resurrected crime.

HERE'S A CLEVER DETECTIVE. He Reiped to Plan a Burglary and

Caught His Men in the Act. JOLIET, Ill., Nov. 22.-Gardner, 287 miles from here, is excited over discovery today that two of the leading physicians and a livery stable keeper of the town are responsible for the recent daring burglaries there. Drs. Boyes and McAdam and Livery Stableman Briggs were discovered early this morning trying to blow open the safe of the Gardner bank. Burglames have been frequent during the last year, and a detective was employed to ferret out the perpetrators. He suspected the trio, and joined them in order to get at the other secrets. He helped them to plan the burglary of the bank, and while they were in the act of blowing open the safe called on them to surrender. They resisted and attempted to escape. The detective shot Dr. Mc-Adam and brought him down and captured by Royal Referenced. tured Dr. Boyes. Briggs escaped.

HE'S A RAVING MANIAC. Judge Hawes, of Kalamasoo, Loses Ble

KALAMAZOO, Nov. 23 .- Judge Josiah L. Hawes, a well-known lawyer, and for many years circuit judge, became a raving maniac suddenly yesterday an d had to be removed to the Michigan saylum. He could recognize no one, was entirely daft, and could be con trolled only by force. Physicians state that it may be only a temporary infirmity.

EGGED ON BY THE ENGLISH.

Poor Markmanship Shown by the Chil-SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 22.-An officer of the San Francisco said that as far as he could learn the war in Chili was instigated and in a measure maintained by an English syndicate of capitalists, who were engaged in nitrate and other business in that country. They sold their products to the outside world for gold and paid their help in paper money which was badly depreciated egan the depreciation was 50 per cent.

"One gold dollar of Chilean money greater. would buy three paper dollars and you

could get \$2.40 in paper for one silver American dollar. At Coquimbo Eng-lish capitalists own immense smelting works, where \$250,000 worth of copper was emelted every week. This valuable output was sold for gold and the

labor was all paid in paper money.

"There has been much talk about Chile's ability to strike heavy blows in case of a war with the United States. An officer on the San Francisco says that in the capture of Valparaiso the that in the capture of Valparaiso the Congressional squadron played no part worthy of mention. The Esmeralda, Cochrane, Aconcagua and O'Higgins were all armed with heavy rifles, and did not attempt to engage forts Prat and Callao at the entrance of the harbor, but kept well out of range. At Iquique they kept five miles out to sea, and not a shell fell in the town. I never saw such poor gunnery before," he said. "Why, at 2000 yards I saw the Cochrane keep up a fire on the Vina del Mar, and not a shot struck the fort, which, by the way, is a very extensive work and offers a large target. When he four Congressional vessels were firing at Fort Callao, the fort was struck a baif dozen times only out of three hundred shots."

RECAL NEWSPAPER OFFICE. The Chicago Herald Moved into Sump tuous Quarters,

CHICAGO, Nov. 22 .- One of the most complete nex spaper offices in the land

was moved into by the Chicago Herald today, when it moved from the old building to its new quarters on Washington street, next to the Western Union building. During the day the entire working force, from the press-men in the basement to the compositors on the top floor, were making the change, and tomorrow morning's edition of the Herald will be issued from

this palatial newspaper office.

The entire cost of the structure and the land upon which it stands has been a round three-quarters of a million. The building is seven stories and basement in hight, and contains upwards of one hundred rooms and halls of various sizes. The outside of the struc-ture is of Monticello granite and terra cotta. In the immense business office the pillars and wails are of the sieman marble from the south of France, the counters of black Belgian marble, and the floors of mosaic marble. The elaborate iron work is hand hammered. The ceiling is of frescoed stucco work and contains twenty globes, each twenty-four inches in circumference. and containing in the aggregate two hundred incandescent lights. The wood trimmings are of white oak.

On the second and third floors, which sie devoted to offices, the walls are ter-raced with white marble, the fleors with the same stone and the trimmings of red oak. On the fourth floor are sumptuous suites of offices occupied by Publisher James W. Scott, the general westerd offices of the United Press, together with the mail and subscription departments. On the fifth floor are the editoral, engraving and artists' depart-The entire six floor is devoted to the or mpositors and stereotypers, and in the composing department are contained nearly two bundred and fifty cases. In the stereotyping depart-ment there is considerable machinery of new design and never before em-ployed. Magnificent marble baths are

provided for the stereotypers.

In the seventh floor is the public restaurant. The building has bathrooms, a barber shop and other conveniences, and from the basement to roof is a perfect net-work of electric appliances, upon which the science and knowledge of the greatest electricians have been brought to bear. The formal opening, for which several thousand invitations have been issued to newspaper men throughout the country, will take place early in December.

THROWN INTO A PRISON.

W. P. Burns. an Agent of Balmaceda Lays His Troubles to English Envy.

PITTSBURG, Nov. 22 .- W. F. Burns, of San Francisco, who was in the Chilian secret service under Balmaceda, has received notice from the State Department that the property taken from him by the German government has been recovered and awaits his orders. Mr. Burns was sent to Germany by Balmaceda's minister of war to buy arms and

ammunition.

"At Berlin," Mr. Burns says, "the
Baimzcedans had placed to my credit
\$80,000 due me, but when I attempted to draw against it I was thrown into prison on a charge of being a suspicious character. Detectives of the Congressional party were on my track and caused my arrest, but I was quickly released and proceeded to Frankfort-on the-Main, where again I was arrested and released on the ground of unsupported suspicion. Every private paper I possessed and all my money and jeweiry were taken from me and I have never seen any of them since nor been recompensed in any manner for my loss, as I could not speak German, and consequently spent five days in a 6 by 3 cell. My only food consisted of small bits of black bread. Consul Hossenbrouk finally secured my release and I

"Technically, my principal grievance is against Germany, but at the bottom of the trouble I piace the intense hatred of many of the English people for Americans and anything that is Amer-ican. Our recent reciprocal relations with South America have proven so wonderfully successful and were such a matter of pride and comment with me and other American business men that, to sum the whole matter up-al though Germany is responsible for the overt act in the way of damages—I would call the initial promptings sim-ply a case of hounding by Englianmen."

GOVERNOR HOVEY BETTER. He Is Taking and Digesting Necessary Nourishment.

INDIANAPOLIS, Nov. 22. - Governor Hovey's condition is slightly improved tonight, and his friends have some hopes of his ultimate recovery. He took some nourishment today, and it was properly digested. His extremities are still cold except when warmed by artificial means, and periods of violent coughing, which are quite frequent, are always followed by prostration and faint action of the heart.

Telegraph Offices Removed. Curcaso, Nov. 23 .- The General West ern offices of the united press in this city were moved toda y from old Herald iding on Fifth avenue to new Herald building on Washington street, where they occupy magnificent suit of rooms on fourth fieer.

Cleveland's Friends Vow to Nominste Him

WITHOUT NEW YORK'S SUPPORT

A Desire to Tread the Dissenters Into the Earth Real or Imaginary Uprising All Over the Country for the "Stuffed Prophet."

NEW YORK, Nov. 22 .- When men of the same political organizations differ on questions of party management or upon the merits of popular leaders of their party, they act with the least forbearance and display the most bitterness of speech. The feuds here in New York in the ranks of both political orgamzations have recently been notorious. They have also been deadly, Like the hatred existing between brothersthey are always more personal, unreasonable, venomous and lasting than any disagreements with outsiders.

Just now there happens to be a distanguished citizen of New York whose name has for eight years been in everybody's mouth in connection with the highest office within the gift of the nation. For reasons well known to most intelligent people a considerable body of his own party is disposed to doubt the expediency of placing ex-President Cleveland at the head of the national democratic ticket. In this state this doubt is fortified by facts, which go Iar to reduce it to a moral certainty. at about the usual rate.

The knowledge of this seems to be too. This condition of the market seems hard for his friends to bear with equan-

innty. There is apparently a warm desire on the part of Mr. Cleveland's supporters to trend these dissenters in the mud. You can hear more loud and angry talk among Democrats about the respective ments and chances of Hill and Cleveland in this city at present than is usually heard between republicans and democrats on the dividing issues

about election time.

This seems particularly so with Mr. Cleveland. For some reason or other the latter has gained fame recently because of the result of the elections. Why, is one of those queer things hard to understand. I have looked the matter over very carefully, and am a a loss to see where Mr. Cleveland legit-imately and necessarily comes in. But his red-hot friends say he did it, and that he is unmistakable called and just as good as chosen, with a disposition to read every democrat out of the par-

ty who refuses to believe it.
now I will let you in on the ground
floor and you can then see the reason
for all this display of independence
and understand the basis of this con-

Expects to Win Without New York,

Mr. Cleveland expects to be renominated with or without New York. 11e expects to be chosen, if necessary, in spite of New York. This may sound absurd to a good many practical politi-cans. And it would be absurdity under almost any other political conditions. But Grover Cleveland is an impractical politican; he discards the ordinary rules of political procedure. His friends have convinced him that he is bigger than his party, and is the political mother of invention. He sees in his mind's eye the supplicating hands of a million votes, republicans and democrats, raised toward him in prayer, beseeching him to stand up and

the country. And he's going to do it. His own state may not be for him, but what of that? If 30 or 40 other states want him, New York will be compelled to fall into line. She dare not be so obstinate as to refuse her delegation when that vote alone is necessary for his nomination. New York is all very well, a very desirable state to have behind a candidate's back, and under ordinary circumstances absolutely necessary to a resident candidate—but Mr. Cleveland has become satisfied that he is too big a man and too important a factor in na-tional affairs to be hemmed in by the political boundaries of his own commonwealth. He feels that he belongs to the country and he has solemnly consecrated—I believe that is the way he himself puts it-solemnly consecrated himself to his country.

BURNED IN BED-

An Eight-Month-Old Baby

Ronsted Afive. Sidney, O., Nov. 22 .- The eightmonths old babe of Lemuel Kitz, residing near Houston, was burned to death y esterday morning. Mrs. Kitz had gone on an errand, leaving the two children, the eldest a girl of three, in bed. By some means not known the bed caught fire, and the smallest child, unable to escape, was almost roasted alive, living about four hours afterward. The other child got off the bed, and the fire was discovered and extinguished before reaching the other furniture. The poor mother is almost

SHOT BY MISTAKE. A Runter gets in the Way of a Gun Just

in Time to be Killed. OMAHA, Nov. 22 .- A special from Chamberlain, S. D., says:-T. A. Short, cashier of the Edgerton State bank was accidentally shot by a companion while goose hunting yesterday. They were down in the grass when a good shot presented itself and a Mr. Beebe arose Short arose just in front of him and re-ceived the charge in the back of his head. He died in a few minutes.

CIPSY CONFIDENCE CAME.

Row a Widow Was Robbad of Rearly All Ber Hard-Earned Savings

PAREERSBURG, Nov. 22 .- A bright little child, whose reat name was never known, but who has for the last three years been living with a Mrs. Ulrich in this city, has been stolen, and the mondent furnishes a sequel to the sequel by which three years ago she was left here. Mrs. Ulrich, a widow, who had accumulated nearly \$1,000, had lost about \$800 in a soap factory at Point Pleasant. A gipsy fortune-teller came to the city shout that time, and learning of Mrs. about that time, and learning of Mrs. Ulrich's circumstances, mainted her to believe that she could get nack the lost money. The gipsy claimed that she must have \$100 in gold in order to gut back the \$800, and Mrs. Ulrich was finally persuaded to take the money out of the bank.

stating that she would be back in three or four days, and as a guarantee that she would return the money the gipsy left a little girl as surety, whom she called her daughter. Of course she never returned, and after giving the money up as lost Mrs. Ulrich adopted the little girl. For three years the girl has been reared by the old lady. On Wednesday she sent the little one to the pump for water, and she never returned. A strange woman is now said to have stolen the child, and to have left on the next train. It is believed the girl has been stolen by her mother, who, it is said, hid about here for some time when she left the little one, trying to steal her back again, but was prevented by Mrs. Ulrich not allowing her to leave the house. stating that she would be back in three

CLEWS ON THE MARKETS. Wall Street Relapsed Into a Period of Singuation fast Week.

New York, Nov. 21 .- During the greater part of the past week, Wall street relapsed into its old stagnancy; the partial revival of the previous week having proved to be but a transient "room" ripple upon the dead calm of speculation. Neither the unexpectedly liberal gain the bank reserves, nor the equally unexpected strength shown in the Bank of England's statement of last week, nor the gain of 81 per cent in the October gross earnings of the railroads, have had any important effect upon the market, and the trans-actions at the Stock Exchange shrunk to about one-third the volume of a really active business. There has been a fair investor's demand for bonds and hirst-class dividend-paying stocks; which indicates that, whatever may be said about the state of the country at large, the accumulation of wealth is going on

singularly inconsistent with the hopes legitimately based upon the commercal stimulus that must attend the distribution of our extradordinary crops and the exportation of probably an un-precedented quantity of food products. The incensibility of the stock market to those inspiring prospects is no doubt due, in some measure, to a quieter con-dition of the general trade of the country than has been expected under the circums ances of a prosperous year for the farmers. The measure of this quiet may be inferred from the fact that the current bank clearings, at the seven principal cities of the Union, show a decrease of ever 10 per cent, as compared with a year ago. To account for this disappointing state of things, it is necessary to remember that it is only twelve months since we were in condition of financial panic, which has been followed by a reaction affecting business and values throughout the entire country. A transition from panic to a high boom within such a brief period is too much for prudent men to calculate upon.

HILL AND BRICE IN DANGER-Conference said to Have been Held to

NEW YORK, Nov. 22 .- A rumor has prevailed in the uptown hotels that a number of republican senators had gathered at the Fifth Avenue Hotel yesterday for the purpose of discussing the feasibility of unseating senator elect Hill in case he does not present himself to be sworn in convenes. It was said that senator elect Calvin S. Brice's case would be

discussed. Senator Washburn, when asked if he knew whether there was any truth in either rumor, said he had heard noth-ing, and added: "If there is a move-ment to contest either Mr. Hill's or Mr. Brice's seat in the senate, I know nothing about it. I do not see how Governor Hill could be prevented from taking his seat. I believe the question of Mr. Brice's residence is discussed, but what will be the outcome I have no idea. One thing is true, I would regret to see them attempt to do anything from purely partizan reasons, and I do not believe they will. But if there is good ground to tontest Mr. Brice's right to a seat in the senate then I think a tion should be taken?

Senator Hiscock also declared that be had heard nothing about the alleged program to prevent David B. Hill from taking his seat in the senate.

BRILLIANT BIT OF BUNKOING One Farmer in Maine who was Smarter Than he Appeared to Be.

DEXTER, Me., Nov. 22 .- A really brilliant job of bunkoing was recently performed here by a half-witted farmer, Lewis Cowen, whose home is at Pal-myra. He swindled the Dexter Savings Bank out of \$1,000, fleeced a neighbor named Blaisdell to the tune of \$500 and cold 25 sheep belonging to snother neighbor, appropriating the proceeds. He cleared out with over \$1,600 in spoils. On November 5 he came into the Dexter Savings bank and stated that he desired to mortgage his farm in Palmyra. He represented that the place was free from incumbrances, and he also offered to assign to the bank s mortgage upon a piece of land in Pitts-field held by him against his brother Hiram. The bank took the alleged se curity and advanced \$1,000. The mortproved to be worthless.

Two days afterward Cowen ap-proached Neighbor Blandell and asked for a loan of \$500. The swindler al-leged that if he could secure \$500 he leged that if he could scoure \$000 he could raise the mortgage on his place. It now is revealed that Cowen bought the farm from an Aroustock man, a few years ago; paying \$200 and giving a mortgage to the seller for \$1,000. But Blaisdell believed his story, handed over the \$500, and Cowen disappeared about a week ago.

SAID TO BE HAUNTED

Apparitions Said to Hold Constaves Nightly in a Brooklys Dwelling, PRODELYN, Iowa, Nov. 22 .- This co munity is very much worked up ever sensational manifestations of the supernatural which occur nightly in an old mansion on the South Side. Sheeted spooks and griefly ghosts see mid to hold carnivals there. The apparitions have been tooth beard and even by chizens who have visited the old rattletrap.

Samuel Coleman, a law-abiding, christian citizen, moved into the place

a month or so ago. Previous to this the house had been unoccupied for years. He did not believe in ghosts when he moved in, but could only stand it a week, when he moved out. Then James Kann tried it for three

days and was driven away. He save mak the \$800, and Mrs. Ulrich was fi-nally persuaded to take the money out I the bank.

The wandering woman then left, peace day or night.